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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	911560/00003DIV
First Inventor	James G. Tribble
Title	Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly
Express Mail Label No.	EU542810643US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification (Total Pages 17)
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) (Total Sheets 5)
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 - ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499 13 Copies of IDS Citations
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
- ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
- ☒ Other: 4 sheets Formal Drawings (Figures 1-6)

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 10/053,793

Prior application information: Examiner Mark S. Graham Art Unit: 3711
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Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. (to be assigned); Filed: (Herewith)
For: **Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly**
Inventor: James G. Tribble
Our Ref: 911560/00003DIV

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a continuing divisional application of Application No. 10/053,793, filed January 18, 2002 (status: pending), consisting of the following documents:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
2. A true copy of the latest inventor-signed U.S. Patent Application No. 10/053,793, filed January 18, 2002, (status: pending) entitled: **Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly**; naming James G. Tribble, inventor;

the application comprising:

- a. The specification containing:
 - (i) 9 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - (ii) 7 pages of claims (claims 1- 40);
 - (iii) a one (1) page abstract; and
 - b. 5 sheets of informal drawings: (Figure 1-6);
3. A Preliminary Amendment;
 4. PTO 1082 (in duplicate);

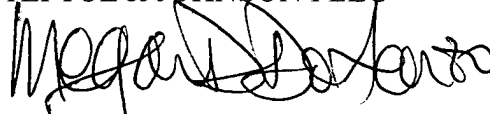
5. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
6. Four (4) sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-6);
7. A copy of a facsimile of an originally executed, combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
8. Information Disclosure Statement;
9. PTO-1449 (with 13 references);
10. Non-publication request;
11. One (1) return post card; and
12. Our Check No. 7-022799 for \$402.00 to cover filing fee and additional claim fee (small entity status).

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-4295. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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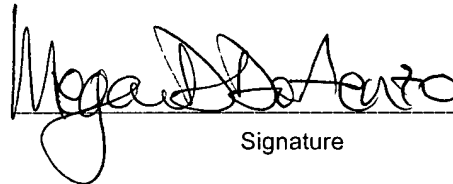
**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	James G. Tribble
Title	Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly
Atty Docket Number	911560/00003DIV

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

June 20, 2007
Date


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Megan D. Dortenzo, Esquire

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: James G. Tribble

For: **Metal/Wood Bat Connection Assembly**

which is a divisional application of Application No. 10/053,793 filed January 18, 2002.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 4 sheets of formal drawings.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ A copy of a facsimile of an originally executed, Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Form PTO-1449(w13 references)

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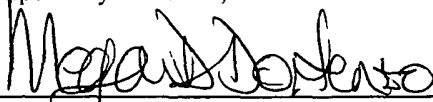
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☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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